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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 2653**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert L. THORNTON et al.

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AND LASER

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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